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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Twenty-one.

" (b) Rs. 21,17,319."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, in spite of the fact that a number of schemes were investigated in South Kanara during the course of the last four or five years and in view of the peculiar physical features of the district, it has been found that the irrigation schemes might not come up to the expectation of the Government so far as the return is concerned. May I request the Government to consider the case of South Kanara district a little more sympathetically, not taking into consideration the mere question of return on the schemes? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is why, Sir, we have got schemes to the tune of Rs. 21,17,319 and as far as possible we have been bestowing the best part of our attention on this district since it is a backward district."

Water-supply to Fort Cochin town.

* 1175 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Municipality in Fort Cochin had submitted any proposal or scheme for water-supply to the town; and

(b) whether any investigation has been made and the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The Fort Cochin Municipal Council had suggested that the investigation of the possibilities of developing a water-supply to the town from artesian wells or of developing some other effective and independent water-supply scheme should receive immediate consideration by the Government.

" (b) Developing a supply from artesian wells had been investigated even in 1913–15, but was found to be an absolute failure and was given up. The question of developing a supply independent of the Travancore-Cochin Government's Chowwera Water-supply Scheme is under the active consideration of the Government."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, may I know whether after 1913–15, any investigation was made all these years and if so, the result of such investigation? Will there be any supply in the near future? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, an independent scheme has been formulated by the Engineers concerned to get water from the Alwaye river source at a cost of Rs. 23 lakhs. This proposal is under examination."

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the extensive spread of filariasis in that area and the urgent need for ensuring protected water-supply immediately? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, protected water-supply would not eradicate filariasis."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister had been pleased to give the information two years back that an independent scheme for water supply from the Alwaye river is being investigated and the same answer is given even now. That means that the investigation has been going on for the last two years and that no proper steps have been taken to implement the scheme of protected water-supply. In view of the fact that Fort Cochin is being developed as a naval base and in view of its All-India importance, will the Government see that the scheme of protected water-supply is implemented without much delay? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The matter is under negotiation with the Travancore-Cochin Government. One of my hon. Colleagues has also taken up the matter with the Travancore-Cochin Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to implement the scheme of protected water-supply in all the towns in Malabar? There are five towns in Malabar of which only in one town, namely Kozhikode, there is protected water-supply. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to take steps to ensure protected water-supply to all the towns in Malabar including Fort Cochin? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question of providing protected water-supply to all the municipalities in the State has been considered by the Government and a priority list has been drawn up. The schemes are being taken up according to that list one after another."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Will this Government request the Travancore-Cochin Government to extend water-supply to this small area at least? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Travancore-Cochin Government have got a comprehensive scheme estimated to cost Rs. 101 lakhs. They want help from the Central Government as well as from this Government for this scheme. Even though we agree to it, there may be continuous trouble. So it was thought best to have an independent scheme."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" In view of the fact that Fort Cochin area is of great importance to the Central Government, have the Madras Government made any representation to the Central Government to finance the State Government considerably in respect of the water-supply schemes that are being undertaken? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If we take up the independent scheme, the demands of the Fort Cochin also will be met."

Violation of the provisions of the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities Act of 1947.

* 1176 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 8th August 1953, from Sri K. M. Veeramuthu, Secretary of the Committee, for the removal of civil disabilities of the Scheduled Castes, Pattukkottai (Tanjore district), alleging violation by the hotel-keepers of Urnikadu and the constables of Tiruvonam of Pattukkottai taluk of the provisions of the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities (Amendment) Act of 1947 ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government against the hotel-keepers and Police constables involved?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The case was registered by the Karambakudy Police station as Crime No. 36 of 1953 under section 323, Indian Penal Code, and section 6 (iii) of the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities Act, 1947, and investigated. As no independent evidence was forthcoming to prove the violation of the Act, the complaint was treated as non-cognizable. The petitioner alleged that he and his companions were beaten by one of the Police constables. A departmental enquiry was held against the constable on a charge that he beat the petitioner and his companions. The charge was not, however, proved beyond doubt and further action against the constable was therefore dropped."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" 8-8-1953-ல் திரு. வீரமுத்து அவர்களை ஊர்ணிகாடு ஓட்டலைச்சேர்ந்தவர்களும், பட்டுக்கோட்டை தாலூகாவைச் சேர்ந்த போலீஸ் கான்ஸ்டேபில்களும், வீரமுத்து ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவன் என்ற காரணத்தினால் அடித்து போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷனில் ஒரு நாள் முழுதும் அடைத்து வைத்தது உண்மையா ? இதைப்பற்றி விசாரிக்க சென்னையிலிருந்து C.I.D.-க்களை அரசாங்கம் அனுப்பி இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" As I said, Sir, an enquiry was made and the charges were not proved. Now, after the celebration of the Harijan Day in that particular village, however, Harijans are allowed to enter the hotel without any restriction whatsoever."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" அதிகாரிகள் தாங்களாகவே பட்டுக்கோட்டையில் நடந்த இந்த சம்பவத்தைப்பற்றி சட்டப்பிரகாரம் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let not the hon. Member put a general question."